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 Germany (Soviet Zone)  
 Merseburg Airfield  
 TOPIC 25X1  
 EVALUATION see below 25X1  
 DATE OF CONTENT 25 and 26 October 1951  
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 REFERENCES  
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 REMARKS

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1. [redacted] an air force advance detail had been stationed at the field for about four weeks. 25X1
  2. On 26 October, reconstruction of the barracks installations, concreting work on the runway, taxiway and connecting lanes were completed. Concreting in the eastern extension of the runway was discontinued. [redacted] this work will not be resumed. The connecting lanes in the eastern section of the field were unchanged. Two power shovels removed the spur track from the northeastern corner of the field as far as a point in line with the Gewichtsrain road. The east border of the landing between the northeastern corner and a point about 300 meters from it was moved 150 to 200 meters to the east. The new boundary was staked off and the new area was graded after the removal of a 3 meter surface. A railroad branch line was then laid. Six power shovels removed the hill in the western section of the field. About 300 German laborers were engaged at both construction sites. 25X1
  3. The field was still occupied by 700 to 1,000 men. Almost all the Soviets were engaged in grading the landing field. [redacted] new Soviets, probably flying personnel were to arrive at the field within the next days. 25X1
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- \* Comment. [redacted] most of the construction at Merseburg airfield was completed by late-October 1951. The information on the presence of an advance detail and the expected arrival of an air unit is believed to be credible. 25X1

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